

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and comments herein. Claims 1 and 21 are amended herein.

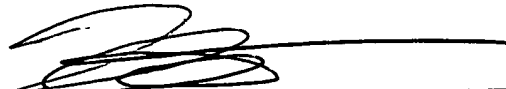
**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-34) are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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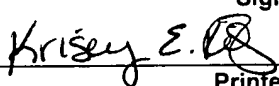
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